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HONGKONG, APRIL 11TH, 1907.

"Oh, to be in England, now that April's here." Yesterday it was no ill thing to be in Hongkong, for the time of the singing of the cicadas had come, and with the thermometer measuring seventy-two in the shade at eight o'clock in the morning, for those whose temperament disposes them to be glad in the sunshine, there was incentive to that "shrill, silent music" that vibrates the chords of the healthy human diaphragm. There was a purple haze, and the sea was a languorous beauty diaphanously clothed; the bleak uplands of Kowloon across the water became the shining ramparts of a Delectable Land; and the cicadas, making their hilarious debut, were insistent of the fact that the pageant of summer had begun its march. Thoughtful looking men descended from the Peak tram station, with hats tilted more loosely, and vests deceptively unbuttoned, and though habit took them straightly to their several places of business, it was easy to imagine an involuntary pause, and a regretful glance about, just before they passed under the lintel, from the sibilant open air to cloistered silence, from the piping of Pan to the figures of commerce, from fluttering fritillaries to rustling counterfoils, from cylvan verdure to silver quotations. There be prosaics who already comment that the weather is become "sticky," but not yet the time when "Nature pants, and every stream looks languid." There was energy abroad, yesterday morning, the energy that sets lambs skipping; and Zephyrus passed on the naughty whispered message of that arboreal devil—or is it a Dryad?—who so long has made it his or her business to tempt little boys to play truant. On such days as these we realize

the true sadness of age; its chief tragedy, surely, is that it makes people too old to play truant.

Some journalistic hacks, cursed with an unprofessional knack of sincerity, must often share Hamlet's lament when things seem out of joint—"oh, cursed spite, that ever I was born to set it right." Sometimes people maliciously say of surgeons that they are too fond of cutting and dissecting, and if there be in the world any creatures whom a fellow feeling should make wondrous kind, it is the people mentioned in the first three words of this paragraph. As a rule they do not love the knife; the new-paper surgeon would often prefer cases calling for ointments and arguments; as the clown is often a melancholic person, so the critic of the breakfast table may be naturally indisposed to criticize. But fate has hung a brassplate at his door, and he has to go as he is called. It is nowadays more or less of an open secret, of course, that newspapers are written by flesh and blood creatures of finite capacity; but owing to the old-fashioned fiction of omniscience, their limitations being apt to be judged by Olympian standards. To be silent is forbidden, and to speak is often to cause offence. The American Press is conducted by men on lines that are apparently deemed best in that go-ahead, money-making country, and like the Press in other lands, it gets kicks as well as half-pence. Lately, in connection with its treatment of the Tsaw murder trial, it has had to endure an extraordinary diversity of criticism. President Roosevelt has brought things to a head by ordering the Postmaster-General to exclude from the United States mails all newspapers publishing details of that trial. The demand for full reports is undoubted, even among English readers, and it is difficult to settle just where to draw the line. The journalist, wooing the public is faced with the difficulty against which Ovid warned lovers. He cannot be sure whether "no" does not mean "yes"; whether the arguments for and against a certain course are of sincerity or cant, earnestly meant or just said for the sake of decorum. It is amusing to note that

"the dissemination through the medium of the public press, of the details of such sensational criminal cases, is favoured by influential bodies of ministers of religion, by the Union Federation of the Evangelical Ministers of Providence, E. I., and the Hampden Association of Congregational Clergymen at Springfield, Mass. The reason assigned for this singular decision is that the case furnished 'the greatest moral lesson of the age'."

The candid critic is obliged to express disbelief in the suggestion that many people read such matter as they would a text-book of ethics. It savours of the notorious humbug of some of Dr. Fox's prefaces. At the same time it would be unjust to say that such reports are devoid of mere pornography. It were but honest to admit that it attracts by reason of its human interest, a true story of real life, and granted that it is universal and natural to feel curiosity as to our environment, savoury or unsavoury, it seems a little hard to blame the Press for printing what in any case is relevantly spoken in open court, and discussed and passed on from mouth to mouth, in homes as well as in public places. If civilization should ever emancipate itself from the fig-leaf modesty that is believed to be really vice culture, it will one day be more consistent, and admit that naked truth in a newspaper is no more capable of mischief than the licentious Oriental literature that is thrust into the hands of Sunday school children. The Rev. Mr. Bowdlen was a much maligned man. It is possible that if Miss Nesbitt had been less ignorant, less handicapped by the conspiracy that drapes the limbs of pianos and ignores vital facts, she would have had less painful testimony to give. However, all this is at present merely to talk of "belling the cat"; the time and the courage and the Richard who will do it are yet to come. Meanwhile, the public should be as indulgent as it can be, and no over hastily condemn our American contemporaries, in whose motives there may have been a mixture not all so sordid. It is amusing and not uninteresting to find an esteemed Japanese contemporary denouncing them "in the interests of decency and morals," and saying:

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Inspector Langley, who is more particularly known by (some) frequenters of the magistracy as "the pompan of the suit," left for England yesterday by the P. and O. S.S. Nile. The Inspector goes home on special leave which is occasioned by the necessity of undergoing an operation for appendicitis. During his absence Inspector Kerr will be in charge of Tsimshatsui station.

Three handsome up-to-date *Beauford* motor cars have been received by the Shanghai Municipal Council, and went into service on April 5th. One of the cars has been assigned to the Police force one to the Health Department and one to the Public Works Department. These cars will now enable the heads of the different departments to exercise wide supervision over their various departments.

Grice Ranjitsingh has sent the following message to the British nation, through the *Birmingham Gazette* and *Express* in response to congratulations on being officially recognised as the Jam Sahib of Nawanganar:—"God bless the Emperor King, his Empire and his People. I hope still to retain the regard, affection and esteem of my British friends and the British Public by playing the Game on another field. RAJAH SINGH, Porbandar, India."

The English Bishop in Bombay Presidency is having trouble over the question of ritual. The following is the conclusion of the Clergy's letter of protest to the Bishop:—"We feel in duty bound to state definitely that if, in spite of what we have written above, your Lordship insists upon our compliance with the directions (1) as to excluding baptised children from the Eucharist, and (2) as to no celebration of the Holy Eucharist without three communicants, we have no option but to refuse obedience."

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Price, D.S.O. and Officer, the Band of the 129th Duke of Connaught's Own Baluchis will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, this (Thursday) evening:—
March ... "The Daughters of the Guard" Stuart Overture ... "The Bacter of Seville" ... Rossini Song ... "Love's Old Sweet Song" ... Jolly Selection ... "The Goodnight" ... Keiser Ballad ... "Alpers Lane" ... Keler Ballad ... "In the Twilight" ... Cotta Selection ... "Rip Van Winkle" ... Plaqueette The Polo Galop Martin

As the old cock crows, the young one learns. At the boy's swimming matches in a provincial town in Australia two of the three competitors were sons of horse trainers, the third the son of a clergyman. As they represented rival organisations, the betting was keen, and the young sports saw their opportunity. The trainers soon agreed that it was a good thing to let the non-favourite win, and back him. They swam a good finish, a realistic finish, and were beaten, to the entire satisfaction of all the competitors, but not entirely to the satisfaction of those adherents who considering them too young for guile, had backed one or both to win.

The Socialist party organisation at Paris has established a branch in Tonkin. The members of the latter held their first meeting at Hanoi last month. Their numbers are on the increase, and they have set to work to find out how far socialist ideals can be carried out in the Colony. The head organisation at Paris has asked for reports on political and social conditions among Europeans and natives in Tonkin. Inquiry will also be made how far the labour laws in force in the parent country can be made applicable to the Colony. A socialist library will be established. The Tonkin branch will endeavour to enter into communication with the socialist party in China and Japan. Business matters are transacted by a Secretary who holds office for only six months. The post is then held by another member who, after serving a like term, passes it over to some other gentleman, the names being taken in alphabetical order.

Thus speaks the *Saturday Evening Review* the newest recruit to the procession of new publications at Shanghai:—"Yes, China needs a navy; two of them. Lother spend not 12,000,000 taels annually on constructing it, but 100,000,000 taels. Throw the money around in bunches, in bales. China's experience with a navy in the past has been of a nature to foster a keen desire for more. As all the world knows, the only use she ever had for a navy in the past was to furnish ships for other countries. Is there any reason to believe that she would not again undergo this experience? Two of the swiftest torpedo boats the Russians had in the late war—one of them successfully escaped from Port Arthur and carried important despatches to Newchwang (the *Bowroknoff*)—were taken from China after the Boxer troubles. Japan has quite a number of cruisers, torpedo craft and gunboats which were built, or paid for by China, and England, France and Germany, a few. And they want more ships. Yes, by all means encourage China to build a huge navy. The bigger the better will the powers like it. It might be a good plan for China to send representatives abroad to ascertain just what types of ships the powers would like best to have."

The recitals at the Concert arranged to be given in St. Andrews Hall on Saturday evening in aid of the Y.M.C.A. Library Fund will be Mrs. Bellios, Mrs. Newborn, Mrs. M. Longridge, the Rev. M. Longridge, Mr. G. P. Lammert, Mr. H. J. Reid and the Alexandra Quartette. Miss Blair will recite a piece set to music, Miss Clarke accompanying. Mr. Joki is on the programme for violin solo. Altogether the programme contains the promise of a first-class concert.

"Is no voice going to be raised in protest against the flooding of our papers with the garbage of America? Why are we compelled to receive into our houses the loathsome story now advertised on the boards and flaunted in our faces? To pure-minded men and women who feel their responsibility for what is read in their households it is intolerable." By forbidding the paper curiosity is roused; by admitting it we defile the minds of all who touch it—our young people, our servants, yes! and ourselves, for none of us are exempt from temptation. Can nothing be done?—A Member of the Mothers' Union? in the *Guardian*. The *Nation* (New York), says:—"The facts in such a case as this notorious murder trial ought to be given to the public. They are of immense interest, psychological and moral and criminal. But as regards the nauseating form in which they are told by witnesses, that, surely, is a place at which the scrupulous editor would wish to draw the line."

On Tuan was charged at Singapore Police Court, with having enticed away the legal wife of a fellow-Celestial. Mr. Gaunt appeared for the prosecution and asked for a postponement to the 10th instant, which was granted. He also asked that the woman be sent to the Hospital or the Chinese Protectorate. She was in the care of Inspector Hart. He had no doubt that Inspector Hart was an excellent guardian (laughter), but he thought that the Inspector would like to get rid of her. To this latter sentiment, the Inspector promptly responded, saying that he would like to get rid of her as quickly as possible. Asked where she would like to go, the woman said that she wished to go to the accused. She was a woman and not a child. She did not wish to be sent to a home. Mr. Gaunt said that he must strongly object to the woman's going to the accused, but the Magistrate said that, as there was no charge against her, he had no power to send her anywhere against her will. She accordingly rejoined the accused, who was released on bail.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 10th April.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (JUDGE).

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

CLAIM FOR MONEY LENT.
The case was concluded in which Ho Yee sued Ip Chek-poo to recover \$310, money lent on December 17th.
Mr. R. Harding appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing for the defendant.
Mr. Harding—I understand my friend has subpoenaed the Bank, but I don't know what evidence they are going to give.
Mr. Kong Sing—Neither do I.
His Lordship—I know what they ought to give.
Mr. E. O. Murphy, clerk in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, said the defendant withdrew \$1,000 from the Bank on November 23rd.
His Lordship was of opinion that there was no case for the defendant to meet, and entered judgment and costs on his behalf.

FIRE.

What might have proved a disastrous fire was discovered in the New Travellers' Hotel, Des Vaux Road, yesterday morning, but the prompt attendance of the Fire Brigade under Captain Lyons prevented it from spreading. It is thought that an oil lamp which stood on a table in the passage and which was the only light in the place was the cause of the conflagration. Be that as it may Mrs. Oliver was awakened between three and four o'clock in the morning owing to the heat and the smoke, and looking upon the flames bursting into her apartment. Quickly the alarm was raised and in very short time the Brigade, fortunately able to get plenty of water, was playing on the conflagration. In half an hour they had succeeded in extinguishing the flames. By that time however practically the whole of the staircase was destroyed and part of the roof immediately above had collapsed. A good deal of the furniture was damaged by smoke and water, and the total loss is \$2,000. The premises are insured for \$5,000.

SECRET COMMISSIONS.

The commercial world in New Zealand has been agitated by some revelations which have been made in the course of the trial of the late master and secretary of a large charitable institution on 12 charges of fraud and false pretences connected with the funds of the institution. The evidence not only showed that the prisoner was well paid, but he was a man of some means, despite which fact he was unable to resist the temptation to rob the institution under his care. It further transpired that he had been in the habit of receiving from tradesmen who supplied the home "douceurs" in the shape of rebates on his private accounts amounting to as much as 25 per cent.

The grand jury made a presentation, in which they urged that the system shown to exist in demoralising to commercial life, and offers incentives to obtaining contracts by means which cannot be regarded as strictly honest. The Wellington Chamber of Commerce joined in condemning the practice, and the Attorney-General hints that it may be necessary to pass legislation similar to the English Prevention of Corruption Act, under which any person corruptly accepting or agreeing to accept any secret commission is liable to imprisonment for two years.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

CONTRACT FOR HONGKONG DOCK CO.

SINGAPORE, April 10th.
The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., has secured the contract for the repair of the steamer "Netherton". The amount of the tender has not been announced.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE KING'S TOUR.

LONDON, April 8th.
King Alfonso and several of his ministers have started for Cartagena. Owing to the condition of the Queen of Spain, their departure was deferred to the last moment, and they will return immediately after an interview with the King.

LATER.

King Alfonso has appointed King Edward Captain General of the Spanish army, as a token of sincere friendship.

THREATENED STRIKE IN PARIS.

LONDON, April 8th.
A gigantic food trades strike is organising in Paris; the date of the strike is a secret. The Government is prepared to take strong repressive measures.

ACCIDENT TO H.M.S. "TRAFALGAR."

LONDON, April 8th.
The battleship "Trafalgar" ran on the rocks at Devil's point, Devonport, but has been towed off.

CHINESE PLACE NAMES.

A USEFUL COMPILATION.

In the spring of 1906 a joint Commission of the Chinese Imperial Post and the Imperial Telegraphs was formed at Shanghai for the purpose of systematising the romanisation of names of places in China. One essential condition was that the names so settled should be suitable for telegraphing, and this precluded the use of hyphen, aspirates, and diacritical marks. Subject to this restriction, the system followed, has been in the main, the Nanking syllabary as given in Giles' Dictionary, except for Kwangtung and a portion of Kwangsi, and partly for Fukien. Where in the north the southern *ch* (as in Peking, Tientsin, Tsinan, etc.) it was considered that a special rule for pronouncing the letters would allow the romanisation of non-English speaking people to be met as far as possible. The settled forms of names of places, long connected with Foreign trade have been left generally unchanged; but the same respect has not been shown to the eccentric spelling of the writers on the Taiping Rebellion or of the railway engineers who have surveyed so much of the country in the past few years. The romanisation as now settled will not satisfy sinologists, but it is designed to provide a settled form for the use of correspondents writing or telegraphing to places in the interior, with the certainty that, in copying faithfully a postmark or letter-head, their communications will reach the place indicated, and will not be sent elsewhere. Where other means of distinguishing places have failed, an abbreviation of the name of the province has been suffixed. A list of these abbreviations, as well as of the post offices in the Empire, has just been published by the Inspector-General of Customs (Statistical Department) at the remarkably cheap price of twenty-five cents. It is a book that should be found useful in many ways in many offices, particularly as a gazetteer of China.

PRINTING WITHOUT INK.

There are gloomy times in store for the maker of printing-ink, according to a writer in the current *Strand Magazine*, for in the near future science is to place the printed word before our eyes by a process in which ink will not figure. The magazine quoted reproduces a page from a book printed in the new typography, and the effect is remarkably good. The experimenter, Mr. E. K. Davenport, states that "the constituents for the blackening of the portions impressed by the metal were contained in the paper, which was made from Newfoundland pulp." Plainly, the invention is far from being perfect from a commercial standpoint; but what a field for economy in the production of newspapers alone such a discovery opens to view! It is said that three-half-pence worth of solution will saturate a hundredweight of paper. If different solutions are found to produce different colours under the electric shock the doom of the ink-makers is amongst the portents in the sky.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
On the 10th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably in S. Japan, owing to the depression, which is now moving Eastwards in the neighbourhood of Korea Straits.
Except over the E. coast where a slight increase of pressure has occurred, the barometer is inclined to fall again over China.
Gradients continue slight in the South, and light variable winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.
The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow is as follows:—
Hongkong & Neighbourhood { Variable winds, Night; fair.
Formosa Channel { Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between { Same as No. 1.
Hokkaido and Lamoeks { Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between { Same as No. 1.
Hongkong and Hainan { Same as No. 1.

PIRATES CAPTURED IN HONGKONG.

Piracy is not so romantic in the olden days. Whether it be that the pirates suffer from the degeneration which is said to have overtaken so many of the human race or not, at any rate there is no gainsaying the fact that they are not now the picturesque figures that they once were. Indeed, they are usually most uninteresting men and were it not that their manner of living does not commend itself to the community they would attract little notice. More unlikely looking pirates could not be seen perhaps than the ten dirty unkempt Chiamen who after huddling in the dock at the Magistracy stood up yesterday to face Mr. Hazeland when they were stated to be men concerned in the piracy of two junks up the West River rather more than a week ago.

It appeared that on that occasion the two fishing junks were attacked by the robbers who put the crew in subjection and sailed down the river. After about seven days they put the crew ashore near Maao, from which place the men ultimately made their way to Hongkong and reported to the police what had happened to them. They added that they were certain the pirates were in Hongkong and sure enough search led to the two junks being found at Samshui. The ten men on board were arrested and after appearing before his Worship were remanded. It is believed that the Chinese Government will apply for their extradition.

Probably emboldened by the success which attends their lawless raids in the Kwangtung Province, the Chinese pirates are going farther afield. They are actually appearing in Hongkong harbour, and it is more than likely that had the band which entered the port on Monday not been captured promptly, some deed of violence would have resulted in our immediate neighbourhood. On the day in question the water police were informed by two native sea men of the capture of two junks—each having a "tonnage" of 600 piculs and carrying a crew of ten men—on the West River. The junks are valued at \$1,000 apiece, while the clothing and jewellery aboard at the time is stated to be worth \$500. The pirates are alleged to have boarded the junks from sampans, covered the crew with rifles, and then put them in the hold where they were detained for seven days and afterwards landed. Then the rascals brought the vessels on to Hongkong, appearing in the harbour as peaceful traders. They ignored the fact, however, that a search from such of the captured junks had escaped during the affray on the West River. These men, it appears, came to Hongkong and reported the occurrence, therefore the Police were on the lookout. That skilled officer, Detective Sergeant Wilton, was among the number on the watch for the pirates, and "from information received" he was successful in apprehending them at Samshui. There he captured ten men, all said to be West River cut-throats, and found that they had taken out licenses for both junks. The men are at present charged with "bringing stolen property into the Colony."

A PRACTICAL DYER.

During the hearing of an action before His Honour the Puisse Judge in the Supreme Court yesterday, Mr. Stevenson (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) proceeded to examine a witness concerning the dyeing business. He asked—"You're a dyer in this firm and dye cloth?—Yes.
What do you pay for dye?—I don't know. If you want to know that at once, go and ask the accountant.
But you're a practical dyer?—Yes, I'm a man of thirteen years experience.
And you don't know the price of dye?—No, it's not my business to know the price or value of things. I'm there to obey orders and dye clothes not to inquire about the value or price of goods on the premises.
Well, if you wanted to dye your clothes, what would you pay for enough dye to dye them?—I wouldn't pay anything. I'd use my master's dye.
His Lordship—I suppose you would.

A GRUESOME DISCOVERY.

Early yesterday morning a lakou on duty in Des Vaux Road was surprised to find a trunk lying near the roadside. Thinking that some burglar had left it there, the lakou took it to No. 7 Police Station where a European officer opened it. They found that it contained the body of a little boy who had died from smallpox.

THE FAR EAST.

RUSSIA'S ALTRIED POSITION.

The St. Petersburg *Telegraph* throws a striking light upon the changed and weakened position of Russia in the Far East with regard to the transport of troops in Manchuria. It is reported that the Ministry of War was about to send out to Vladivostok a great quantity of guns a few days ago, and that all the preparations therefore had been made, when the authorities were met unexpectedly by an unlooked-for hindrance. It appears that Russia no longer has the right to transport troops or war material by means of the Eastern China Railway, which, although it is still in Russia's hands, was declared to be international by the Portsmouth Treaty, and that the railway can be used by Russia only for the purpose of sealing out fresh troops to take the place of those already stationed in the Amur and Ussuri Territories. Therefore, Russia is connected now only by sea for the purpose of supplying its military needs in the Far East. Thus it may be asked, in this state of affairs an unexpected result of the Portsmouth Treaty, or has Russia to face here an unknown and secret clause of that Treaty?

CANTON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

YUET-HAN RAILWAY COMPANY'S MEETING AT WONG SHA: "PROCEEDINGS UNWORTHY OF CIVILIZED PEOPLE."

Over 4,000 shareholders attended the meeting which took place at Wong Sha on the 2nd instant. No shareholder without a ticket was permitted admittance into the shed which was erected for the occasion, and tickets were obtainable on production of share scrip at the Head Office. This precaution was taken because the directors anticipated trouble. Before the meeting commenced the Chap Yee Shio (Messrs. Yeung and Chan's clique) distributed the following express (translation, from which we have omitted some passages that appear too strong—E.D.):

"We beg respectfully to inform you that the present managers of the Company have frequently acted in contravention of the regulations of the Company, and have turned back on the commercial laws. For instance, they have expunged and altered Imperial Edicts in order to deceive the shareholders. The President and Vice-President were both informally elected. They have changed and curtailed the rights of shareholders. Thus they have abolished the regulation of public notices. They have used private individuals' names to invest the public funds of the Company. They have invested the monies at too low rates of interest and

They have conspired together to inveigle the shareholders into serious trouble, and even went so far as to falsify accounts of being bankrupt. They have used innumerable means to boycott the shareholders. They have disobeyed orders issued by the Board at Peking and have slighted the officials. In fact they did as they pleased. How can we shareholders stand by and permit them to feed on our capital as if it was fish and meat? Although the Company was established over a year ago it has not been registered. It really amounts to this that a limited company has now become an unlimited company. We shareholders have resolved to abide strictly by the commercial law No. 19, i.e., we refuse to recognize them as directors and also refuse to recognize the President and Vice-President elected. We further refuse to recognize the annual statement of accounts furnished to us. We have specially circulated this express to inform all the shareholders.

"This express is purposely issued by the shareholders of the Yuet-Han Railway Company for the occasion."

"[It was officially announced some time ago that registration had taken place at Peking.] Some of the shareholders objected to the circulation of the express and a row immediately started. Mr. Li Hing Wai, one of the directors, who was elected to take the chair at the meeting, gave instructions to the railway guards to permit the express to be distributed and not to interfere, but to arrest persons who used violence. Through his presence of mind the opposition party cooled down and the meeting commenced. The statement of accounts of the Company up to the end of the last Chinese year was first read. After that the Chairman proposed the first resolution, i.e., that the directors of the Company be empowered to use the funds of the Company to purchase shares and bonds of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Company, which was opposed by the majority of the shareholders. The opposition party were in favour of the resolution. The result was a hot argument. All of a sudden a *chok pou* (large cracker bomb) was let off by somebody in the middle of the audience. This set the crowd in confusion as they thought it was the report of a gun and the majority of the crowd immediately started to disperse, but Lan Chu Shek and others of the opposition party rushed to the platform. They snatched the accounts and tore down all the resolutions that were posted up at the back of the platform. The Nam Hoi and Poon Yu Magistrates rushed to the telephone and rang up the nearest station for police and gave orders to the police that were there to come and suppress the disturbance. The Chairman, the directors and the railway staff on seeing the dangerous attitude taken by the opposition party, and to avoid free fight and bloodshed, left the shed.

In the afternoon the Chief Superintendent of Police, receiving information that the opposition party intended to make a raid on the Head Office that evening, sent 100 policemen to guard it.

Petitions were sent to the Viceroy by the Chairman and the Chief Superintendent of Police reporting what had happened at the meeting, and His Excellency the Viceroy issued the following proclamation:—

"With reference to the two petitions to the disturbance in the meeting hall, the proceedings were unworthy of civilized people and are calculated to lower the character of the merchants who are managing railway affairs. I have issued instructions that the matter be properly investigated by the authorities and police and that the ringleaders be arrested and severely punished. It is alleged that the Chap Yee Shio clique fired the cracker-bomb to cause confusion and seize the opportunity to cause a general melee. The Nam Hoi and Poon Yu Magistrates and the Superintendent of Police were present and I await their report to issue orders for the necessary investigation and to decide whether measures should be taken for the arrest and punishment of the offenders."

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT.

Viceroy Chou Fu has received a despatch from Peking appointing H. E. Wu Ting Fang President of the Chinese section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

THE NEW AMOY DOCK CO. LD.

The 15th ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in this company was held at the Office of the General Manager on Saturday the 6th inst. Mr. Fred. B. Marshall presided, other shareholders present being Messrs. W. Kruse (Consulting Committee), E. Thomas, B. Himpel, W. H. Wallace, Robert W. Black (manager) and C. C. de Carvalho, Secretary.

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting, the Chairman said: Gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will with your permission take them as read. The net profits for the year's working ending 31st December 1906 amount to \$9,579.56 to this sum must be added \$1,195.19 the balance brought forward from last account, which totals \$10,774.75, and this sum it is proposed subject to your approval to deal with as follows:—

Write off Amoy Dock \$731.16
Write off Plant and Machinery 787.55
Commission and Fees to Manager 337.96
Fees to General Manager and 5 0 0
Consulting Committee

to pay a dividend of 50 cents per share absorbing \$5,000 and to carry forward the balance \$2,615.88. Gentlemen, I regret that we have not a more satisfactory showing for the past year's working to place before you, but work other than our regular harbour jobs, was scarce, and the disastrous typhoon that did so much damage to shipping in Hongkong in September last, did not supply us with any work. We were in hopes the Docks in the Colony would have had some overwork that might be diverted our way, and we took the necessary steps to secure any business offering, but without success. Still it is some satisfaction to report that even in a lean year such as we have just experienced, the Dock is able to pay its way and return a small dividend to Shareholders. The business we have had during the past twelve months can be looked upon as regular and likely to be continued from year to year, and probably increased as new Oil Tanks and other works now in process of building are completed, but to make a good year we must have one or two big jobs on steamers. These come in fits and starts, and cannot be relied on, but you will doubtless be pleased to know our Dock is so well equipped with up-to-date machinery, that we are always ready and capable of taking in hand any Docking and Engineering work that may be offered us.

During the past year we have spent some \$4,268.48 on the Dock; most of this was for a new working shed which we found was badly required, more especially in wet weather.

We had an unpleasant experience last year which gave your Manager and Consulting Committee considerable worry and trouble, but I am pleased to say terminated favourably for the Dock. The owners of the steam launch *Woo On* sued the Dock in the British Consular Court for some \$180 0 0 for supposed damage done to their boat and for which they wished to hold us responsible. I need not here say more than that with the assistance of our Hongkong Lawyers we defended the case, and came through without any expense to the Dock. We have now a claim against the owners for some \$5,000 0 0, but as this has to go through the Chinese Court it takes time and trouble. The British Consul is supporting our claim and we have every reason to expect our claim will eventually be met in full.

I may here mention, Gentlemen, one of our greatest troubles is to collect accounts due us. If we could do so on due dates we should have little or no overdraft with our Bankers, and during the past few years interest has been quite an item in our accounts which we would like to see reduced, but many of our Customers find times hard, and owing to competition, and to keep the business together, we have to allow some little slackness in settling of accounts.

You will notice, Gentlemen, your Consulting Committee and General Manager have again varied a very large percentage of their fees, but I hope the day is not far distant when the Dock will again be having good years, and full fees can be withdrawn by your Consulting Committee and General Manager without making an appreciable tax on your profits. As my business will not permit of my being here during the summer months, your Consulting Committee have asked my firm (Messrs. Tait and Co.) to act as General Managers. This, Gentlemen, will enable cheque book accounts to be kept in one office for the year, instead of as sometimes has been the case, changing more than once during the twelve months. Gentlemen, there are no other points which occur to me to refer to, but any questions you may desire to put bearing upon the statements now before the meeting, I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability.

No question being asked, The Chairman proposed that the Report and accounts as presented, be adopted and passed.

Mr. THOMAS seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. BLACK then proposed and Mr. HIMPSEL seconded the re-election of Messrs. Gardiner and Kruse as members of the Consulting Committee—Carried unanimously.

The Chairman—That is all the business, Gentlemen. Dividend Warrants will be ready on Monday.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. THOMAS, and seconded by Mr. HIMPSEL, terminated the meeting.

Personality is the secret of greatness. I like to study the personality of great men. It does not matter whether they are great poets or great golfers. It is enough that they have attained distinction in any way. For life is a game, and genius is interesting whether it plays with words or with a small white ball. As a rule, a man can do only one thing better than all other men. The genius is never an all-round man. The all-round man, is common place.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY.

A PROTEST.

The following circular has been sent to Graduates of the University of Dublin:—

It is right that all Trinity men should fully understand the nature of the University scheme which Mr. Bryce has just divulged, and the consequences which will follow if it is carried into effect.

Here is the gist of Mr. Bryce's proposals:—Trinity College is to lose the power to confer degrees which it possesses in virtue of being identified with the University of Dublin. Our ancient Charter is to be cancelled. A new University is to be founded, which will bear the name of the University of Dublin, including, as constituent Colleges, and on equal footing Trinity College, Queen's College, Belfast, Queen's College, Cork, and a new College for Roman Catholics in Dublin. Maynooth, Queen's College, Galway, and Magee College, Londonderry, are to be affiliated institutions. This University is to be governed by a Senate partly nominated by the Crown and partly elected by the constituent Colleges. This body will conduct the University examinations, give degrees, and nominate the University Professors. To these Professors the higher teaching will be entrusted. The Colleges will be occupied in giving the more elementary teaching. The present Royal University is to be abolished; and all existing Graduates of that University are to become Graduates of the University of Dublin by Act of Parliament.

It is obvious that the first consequence of such a scheme will be to depreciate the value of our degree, since there will henceforth be nothing to show whether a Graduate of "Dublin University" has received his education at Trinity College or at one of the other Colleges, or whether he has merely passed the examinations of the extinguished Royal University.

Our degree will be further lowered by the inevitable deterioration in the standard of University teaching. It is not to be expected that the teaching at the other constituent and affiliated Colleges will be of the same quality as the teaching of Trinity College has been in the past. Experience has proved that in Federal Universities the examinations tend to dominate the teaching. Besides, in spite of absence of tests, everyone knows perfectly well that the new Roman Catholic College in Dublin, and the reconstructed Queen's College of Cork and Galway, will be in essence, if not in name, thoroughly denominational. The consequence of this will be, that the University Governing Body will be split by sectarian divisions, and there will either be perpetual quarrelling, distrust, and intrigue, or else there will be an agreement to give all appointments on the principle of turn and turn about. This is what has happened in the case of the Boards which control Primary and Secondary Education. It is a vicious plan, fatal to efficiency; but in the case of University education it will be absolutely disastrous. Instead of the best man for the post being chosen regardless of anything but merit, the first question will be as to each candidate's religion, instead of his fitness. Of such a condition of things the inevitable result must be that the standard of teaching will decline, public confidence in the examinations will be shaken, and the reputation of the degree will be shattered. All who hold our degree will sustain a personal loss by the realization of such a scheme.

But it is not to selfish motives we appeal: it is rather to the loyal affection with which Trinity men have always regarded their *alma mater*. It is on this that we rely for support to avert the present danger. Our chief danger lies in the apathy of the English voter. Public attention must be aroused. The Government must be made to feel that a strong body of opinion and feeling is bitterly opposed to these proposals. Our Graduates must exert themselves without loss of time. Valuable assistance can be given:—(1) By your influencing all persons with whom you are acquainted against the scheme; (2) by writing against it in your Local Press and in any other newspapers (provincial as well as metropolitan) or publications which you may consider suitable; (3) by bringing pressure, as far as possible, both personally and through your friends on the Members of Parliament for your constituency, on educational grounds, and without consideration of party; (4) by circulating literature on the question which we hope in a short time to be able to send you, should you desire it; (5) and, most especially by endeavouring to organize, in local committees, all Trinity and other University men against the scheme, and pointing out that the struggle is one for freedom of research, freedom of teaching, and freedom of publication—in short, for that academic freedom which we hold must be the basis of all true liberal education. And, first of all, they should write, offering their support, to the Defence Committee, who will supply them with information and with literature.

E. F. CULVERWELL, Secretaries to the
E. F. GWYN, Defence Committee.
33, TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.
February 1907.

CHINESE MURDER SOCIETY'S PAID ASSASSINS.

In Perth (West Australia) last month, when a Chinese was fined £75, for having kept a gaming house, one witness was dealt with by the Bench for having varied his evidence. The interpreter in the case said witness told him he would not repeat the evidence given to the police because he was afraid other Chinamen would kill him if he did.

The interpreter (in the witness-box) stated that the witness told him that morning that a society had been formed in Perth by 100 Chinese, who had picked 10 from their number for the purpose of killing any Chinaman who gave evidence for the prosecution in gambling cases. The 10 men were to be paid at the rate of 15/- per week, and in the event of any of them meeting their death while carrying out the work of the society £200 would be sent to their widows and children; if they received any injury all their medical expenses would be paid, and they would be allowed 30/- per week till they recovered.

HONGKONG'S NEXT GOVERNOR.

The Straits Times says:—

The announcement made by our Hongkong correspondent of the approaching departure of Sir Matthew Nathan will set the official guidance speculating as to who is to succeed him in the Governorship of the Northern Colony. Mr. G. H. May, whose name has been before the Eastern colonial communities so much of late, will be almost most for the position, and undoubtedly his appointment would be popular with the civilian community of Hongkong and those officials who are not afraid of work; but there is no precedent, we believe, of an official rising from the position of Cadet to that of Governor in a particular Colony without serving elsewhere—at any rate, there has been no such precedent in Hongkong, and it is doubtful whether the Colonial Office will be hardy enough to create a precedent, even in the best interests of the Colony. The opinion will be held very generally that Mr. May ought to be appointed, and he would most certainly administer the affairs of the Colony as ably as any more senior official; but the claims of others have to be considered, and the Colonial Office may find those claims more urgent than Mr. May's. Mr. Stewart Lockhart, who has been Commissioner of Weihaiwei since 1902, is senior to Mr. May, and may well expect promotion from Weihaiwei but it is extremely unlikely that Mr. Lockhart, able official though he is, will be transferred to Hongkong, where he served as a Cadet and held office for several years as Colonial Secretary. It is about time, however, that a new appointment was found for Mr. Lockhart, one who could keep with his abilities and energetic nature the post of Governor of Hongkong. The filling of the post of Governor of Hongkong has considerable interest for us in the Straits Settlements. Some years ago, there was a tendency to transfer Straits officials to Hongkong, and in the event of Mr. May succeeding Sir Matthew Nathan, and a general shuffling of offices taking place all round, it is highly probable, owing to the junior position in the service of the majority of the present officials in Hongkong, that the opportunity will be taken to strengthen the Hongkong staff with some of the more experienced of the officials here. We will await with renewed interest the announcement of Sir Matthew Nathan's successor.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At the annual general meeting of this Society next Wednesday, the following Report will be presented:—The Committee beg to present their Report on the work of the Society for the year ending 31st March, 1907.

The proposal to publish gardening notes was found to be best by numerous difficulties and was eventually dropped; as a substitute, a small book on "Gardening for Hongkong" was brought out by Mr. Tait at the request of the Society. The cost of printing the first 250 copies was defrayed by the Society. Mr. Tait, paying for any further copies and taking the proceeds of the sale. The Committee can recommend the book to anyone interested in gardening.

The annual show was held in the Botanic Garden on 26th and 27th February and produced a fine exhibit of flowers and vegetables, there were 651 entries and it was found necessary to considerably increase the number of accommodation be and that of the previous year. The details of the show were settled by a Sub-committee consisting of Messrs. J. J. Barton, L. Gibbs and E. Howell, who with the help of Mr. Charles Lee supervised the staging of exhibits on arrival, this involves a considerable amount of work and the Committee would ask exhibitors at a future show to lighten it by seeing that their exhibits are properly labelled with the Class No. and Group, in which they are to be exhibited, before they are sent to the Show grounds.

The judging was done by Messrs. D. W. Craddock and W. J. Tait, and the judging of the gardens by Messrs. J. Barton, S. P. Dunn, L. Gibbs and H. Gumpers.

The attendance of the public at the show was disappointing. The weather was fine and it was confidently hoped that a larger "gate" would be obtained than last year; this anticipation was not, however, realized. On the first day 224 tickets were sold, and on the second day 137 during the 50 cents time and 692 during the 20 cents time, the total takings being \$431.40 against \$676.00 last year.

The amount of the extent of capital had to be drawn upon, to the extent of \$400 to meet the expenses of the show. It is thought that some economy might be effected in printing and in the amount given in prizes and that then with a little more appreciation shown by the general public the show might be made to pay its way.

The best thanks of the Society are due to those who came forward with subscription to the prize fund and also to the donors of special prizes.

It is proposed to hold a chrysanthemum show in the autumn, and a flower and vegetable show in the early spring of 1908. Subscribers are in course of preparation and will shortly be issued to members.

Sir Francis Pigott resigned the Presidency in November and Mr. J. Barton was elected in his place.

Mr. F. Howell took over the duties of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer during the absence in the summer of Mr. Gibbs.

The Committee with the exception of Messrs. A. E. Griffin and E. Osborne offer themselves for re-election.

CHINESE SUZERAINTY OVER TIBET.

There must be regret, we should imagine, among those ex-Cabinet Ministers who, in direct antagonism to Lord Curzon, summarily set aside the original Treaty of Lhasa and substituted for it one sure to revive Chinese control over Tibet in its worst forms. The aim of the Viceroy was to retain the Chumbi Valley for a considerable period as a material guarantee for the rest of the treaty. With that object, he fixed the monetary indemnity payable by the Potala at a very stiff sum, and, to the instalments over a good many years, (Chumbi to remain under British domination until the last instalment was paid) was a perfectly equitable arrangement, and the Tibetan magnates raised little or no objection. But the Chinese Ambassadors, under instructions from Peking, made a huge point about the violation of their suzerain rights, and Downing Street meekly yielded to the shouting. The result is that two-thirds of the reduced rate, and in indemnity are already wrung off the state, and in next January, Chumbi will have to be evacuated by the British garrison, and be made again a happy hunting ground for Celestial rapacity. It is reported from Calcutta by the *Times* correspondent that the second instalment was liquidated "by China." But every farthing will assuredly be wrung from the Tibetans by the great extortioner, whose pretended consideration for the Tibetans is a hollow pretence.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

THIS is to give Notice that from the 11th day of APRIL, 1907, I will not hold myself responsible for any debts incurred by my Wife Mrs. U. A. FARRELL, of 268, Station Street, Yau-mat,.

U. A. FARRELL,
268, Station Street, Yau-mat,
Hongkong, 11th April, 1907. 741

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"This Company has been formed by Chinese Merchants who shall invite Chinese Subjects only to subscribe for Shares. The Railway shall be constructed by themselves. Foreigners are denied the privilege of subscribing for shares in the Company."

"Chinese Subjects, who have been naturalized as Subjects of Foreign Countries, shall be recognized as Chinese Subjects by the Company and are allowed to subscribe. Such Shareholders shall be treated as Chinese Subjects and shall not claim the privileges of a Foreign Subject. Should they interfere in any way the Company is hereby empowered to cancel their shares and all interest and privileges with the Company shall be withdrawn from them."

CHEUNG TO CHAI,
President of
The Yuet-Han Railway Company Ltd.,
Canton, 9th April, 1907. 743

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, the 27th April, 1907, at 12 o'clock Noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1906, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th April, both days inclusive.

J. WHEELLEY,
General Manager,
Hongkong, 10th April, 1907. 744

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE, to sell by Public Auction,

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1907. 688

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, in the Colony of Hongkong, THIS DAY (THURSDAY), the 11th April, 1907, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, when the Subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 25th day of March, 1907, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1. That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association, viz:—
(a) That line one and line two of Article No. 53 be eliminated except the last five words at the end of line two and that the words "The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead and that the words "Senior Representative" in line 6 and 9 of Article No. 51 be eliminated and the words "Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead.

(b) That the words "person for the time being in charge of the business of" be inserted between the word "Manager" and the words "or Agent" in line 4 of Article No. 69.
(c) That the following new Article to be numbered No. 69A be inserted between Articles 68 and 69:—

"69A. The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be and he is hereby appointed a Managing Director of the Company and shall hold Office until the Company in pursuance of Clause 1 of the Memorandum of Association and of these Articles appoint some other person to act as Managing Director in his stead."

(d) That line 1 and line 2 of Article No. 69 be eliminated except the last 6 words at the end of line 2 and the words "The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead, and that the words "Senior Representative" in line 6 of Article No. 69 be eliminated and the words "Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead.

(e) That the word "not" be inserted between the word "being" and the word "including" in the second line of Article No. 76 and that the words "but not including" between the word "Directors" and the word "the" in the second line be eliminated and the word "or" inserted instead.

(f) That at the end of Article No. 78 the following words be added: "Provided that the Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or the person for the time being in charge of the business in Hongkong of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall not be disqualified from the office of Managing Director or Director because he does not personally hold the necessary shares provided Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall hold the necessary shares."

(g) That the words "or the Corporation he represents" be inserted between the word "he" and the word "becomes" in line 1 of s. 6 of Article No. 81.
(h) That the words "and so long as the Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be a Managing Director of the Company other than a Managing Director" be inserted between the words "For moment Director" and the word "before" in the 3rd line of Article No. 82.

2. That the above Resolution making the above changes in the Company's Articles shall come into force and take effect from and including the 1st day of May, 1907.

Dated the 25th day of March, 1907
By Order,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 13th April, 1907, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1906, and of electing Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 3rd April to the 13th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1907. 584

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 2, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY the 15th April, 1907, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st Dec., 1906.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd to the 15th April, both days inclusive.

By Order,
M. A. A. SOUZA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1907. 687

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, in the Colony of Hongkong, THIS DAY (THURSDAY), the 11th April, 1907, at 11.15 o'clock in the Forenoon, when the Subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 25th day of March, 1907, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1. That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association, viz:—
(a) That line one and two of Article No. 53 be eliminated except the last five words at the end of line two and that the words "The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead and that the words "Senior Representative" in line 6 and 9 of Article No. 51 be eliminated and the words "Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead.

(b) That the words "person for the time being in charge of the business of" be inserted between the word "Manager" and the words "or Agent" in line 4 of Article No. 69.
(c) That the following new Article to be numbered No. 69A be inserted between Articles 68 and 69:—

"69A. The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be and he is hereby appointed a Managing Director of the Company and shall hold Office until the Company in pursuance of Clause 1 of the Memorandum of Association and of these Articles appoint some other person to act as Managing Director in his stead."

(d) That the first line and the second line of Article No. 70 be eliminated except the words "shall be the" at the end of the second line and that the words "The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead, and that the words "Senior Representative" in line 6 be eliminated and the words "Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead.

(e) That the word "not" be inserted between the word "being" and the word "including" in the second line of Article No. 76 and that the words "but not including" between the word "Directors" and the word "the" in the second line be eliminated and the word "or" inserted instead.

(f) That at the end of Article No. 78 the following words be added: "Provided that the Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or the person for the time being in charge of the business in Hongkong of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall not be disqualified from the office of Managing Director or Director because he does not personally hold the necessary shares provided Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall hold the necessary shares."

(g) That the word "not" be inserted between the word "Director" and the word "including" in the first line of Article No. 80 and the words "but not including" at the end of the first line of Article No. 80 be eliminated and the word "or" inserted instead.
(h) That the word "not" be inserted between the word "Director" and the word "including" in the first line of Article No. 83 and the words "save as provided in s. 6" be inserted between the word "including" and the word "or" in the first line of Article No. 83 and the words "but not including" at the end of the first line of Article No. 83 be eliminated and that the words "or the Corporation he represents" be inserted between the word "he" and the word "becomes" in the first line of s. 6 of Article No. 83.

(i) That the words "including a Managing Director" in the third line and the words "Director" in the 4th line of Article No. 84 be eliminated and that the words "or so long as the Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be a Managing Director of the Company" be inserted between the word "Director" and the word "before" in the 4th line of Article No. 84.

2. That the above Resolution making the above changes in the Company's Articles shall come into force and take effect from and including the 1st day of May 1907.

Dated 25th day of March, 1907.

By Order,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 13th April, 1907, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Account to the 31st December, 1906, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th March, to the 13th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1907. 608

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Company's Office, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, 17th April, 1907, at 11 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 28th February, 1907, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1907. 733

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING WEAVING AND DYEING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING WEAVING AND DYEING COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at the Office of the undersigned, at King's Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 25th day of April 1907, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 6th April, 1907, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1. That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association, viz:—
(a) That the words "or if the General Managers are a Limited Company that the declarant is a Managing Director, Manager, Secretary or person for the time being in charge of the business of such Company" be inserted between the word "Company" and the words "and that" in the second line of s. 14 of Article No. IX.

(b) That the following words be added at the end of s. 7 of Article No. XIII, "except that the Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be entitled to vote on behalf of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., although not individually a shareholder."

(c) That s. 1 of Article No. XV be eliminated and the following subsection inserted instead:—"Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall be the General Managers of the Company so long as they think fit and the Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall, if willing to do so, be the Chairman of the Company and of the Consulting Committee."

(d) That the word "Ld." be inserted between the words "Co." and the word "who" in line 2 of s. 2 of Article No. XV.
(e) That the following words be added at the end of s. 2 (c) of Article No. XV, "by the Company in General Meeting or by the Consulting Committee."

(f) That the following words be added at the end of s. 3 of Article No. XVI, "All signatures of the General Managers may be subscribed by such person or persons as may from time to time be thereto authorized by the General Managers."
(g) That the words "or the Corporation he represents" be inserted between the word "partner" and the word "of" in line 2 of s. 3 of Article No. XVII.
(h) That the words "or the Corporation he represents" be inserted between the word "he" and the word "cease" in s. 1 of s. 4 of Article No. XVII.
(i) That the word "Successors" be inserted between the word "their" and the word "heirs" in line 1 and between the words "of their" and the word "heirs" in line 5 of Article No. XX.

(j) That the words from and including "The Arbitration Act 1889" in the 3rd line of Article No. XXI down to the end of the Article be eliminated and the words "Chapter 24 of the Code of Civil Procedure in so far as such provisions are applicable to the circumstances of any particular case" and to every Contract, affecting suitable and up-to-date rentals to suit various incomes; owing to the proximity of the New Park, it will not be necessary to provide all houses with large gardens, which add so much to the expense of most country houses, though most of them will have some ground attached, and, in order to economize space, terraces will be put up as well as semi-detached villas."

2. That the above resolutions making the above changes in the Company's Articles shall come into force and take effect from and including the 1st day of May 1907.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1907.

By Order,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FIRST MEETING of the Season will be held at the Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 13th instant, commencing at 3 P.M.

The charge of Admission will be \$1 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club or Gymkhana Club.

The Committee invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Post Entries will be accepted for Event No. 3.

REGINALD F. C. MASTER,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1907. 732

Re HIM YICK OPIUM AND YARN FIRM.

No. 307, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

CERTAIN MONIES have been recovered from the partners in the above Firm which it is intended to divide equally among the Creditors.

A MEETING OF THE CREDITORS of the above Firm will be held at our Office No. 38, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 15th day of April, 1907, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of dividing the monies so recovered.

Creditors are requested to send their Claims to us on or before the 13th April, 1907.

Dated the 27th day of March, 1907.

HASTINGS & HASTINGS,
Solicitors for HO FOK and other Creditors.

WANTED.

A COMPRADORE, having business connections throughout the South of China and able to provide substantial security consisting of landed property in Hongkong to the extent of 10 per cent. of the annual turnover, Good remuneration to a suitable man. First Class references from a Foreign Bank required. Apply by letter only in the first instance to DENNIS & BOWLEY.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1907. 714

INTIMATION

SHARE Lists will close on TUESDAY, 30th April, 1907, for Shanghai and Outports and on FRIDAY, 31st May, for Europe.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS OF THE SHANGHAI-PAOSHAN LAND CO., LTD.

(To be incorporated under the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong, whereby the liability of members is limited to the amount of their shares.)

Authorized Capital, £1,000,000
Divided into 40,000 Shares of £25 each.

Present Issue, 32,000 shares, of which 5,000 shares will be issued as fully paid-up to the Vendors, and 26,400 are now offered for subscription.

Payable £5 per share on application, £15 on allotment, and the balance of £15 per share as it may be required, but not in larger calls than £15 at one time, nor without three months' notice, no application for less than five shares will be received.

PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS:
Mr. E. C. PEARCE, of Messrs. Ilbert & Co., Shanghai
Mr. L. J. CURTIS, of Messrs. Scott, Harding & Co., Shanghai
Mr. E. I. FEARON, of Messrs. Fearon, Daniel & Co., Shanghai
Mr. CHAN LIAO YUE, of the Tsong Yue Hong, Shanghai.

TRUSTEES:
MR. ALEXANDER MCLEOD
MR. CRAWFORD D. KERR
BANKERS:
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

SOLICITORS:
Messrs. STOKES, FLATT, and TRESDALE
Messrs. ILBERT & Co., 22 King's Road, Shanghai

AUDITORS:
Messrs. LOWE & BISHAM, Public Accountants.

THIS COMPANY is being formed for the purpose of acquiring and developing 70 more (say 12 acres) of land in the Paoshan District of Shanghai, on the North side of the International Settlement, consisting of three lots of well-raised land, detailed particulars of which are contained in the annexed Report and Estimates prepared by Mr. A. E. ALGAR, Architect, of Shanghai.

The properties are exceptionally well situated as regards their favourable position for European residences; the Estate fronts the New Park on three frontages, over which it has a clear and unobstructed view, the Railway forming on the west a complete barrier against any encroachment by native dwellings from that direction. The distance from the Soochow Creek to the Estates is under two miles, in an almost direct line along the North Soochow Road, and the tramway system links up the neighbourhood with the Settlements.

This neighbourhood is fast becoming a large and populated suburb, a significant fact being that whereas five years ago there were only four European houses in the vicinity, there are now nearly one hundred. The district is also considered to be cooler in summer than the Bubbling Well Road, as the breeze comes direct from the river and is not interrupted by the vast masses of houses in the Settlement. Not only is it well situated for European residences, but being adjacent to the Park, now being rapidly completed, it seems probable that with cheap tram communication, low rents and attractive surroundings, many occupants of town houses, especially families, would gladly exchange their present dwellings for residences which avoid dangers to children, who could therefore frequent the Park without having to traverse the crowded streets; in furtherance of this object, the Directors are prepared to consider any suggestions while building, as regards planning rooms, that any prospective tenant may bring to their notice.

Attention is also directed to the advantages of residences adjoining the new Park, and the Rifle Range. The Public Swimming Bath, Cricket, Football, Lawn Tennis Grounds and Bowling Greens in such close proximity, should attract considerable support, especially as in course of a few years, many of the lawns will be shaded by trees, a feature which is impossible on the Race Course.

It is proposed to gradually develop the Estates, erecting suitable and up-to-date residences, with gas, electric light, and water laid on, and which can be let at moderate rentals to suit various incomes; owing to the proximity of the New Park, it will not be necessary to provide all houses with large gardens, which add so much to the expense of most country houses, though most of them will have some ground attached, and, in order to economize space, terraces will be put up as well as semi-detached villas.

The price to be paid for the whole Estate is £1,750,000, which compares very favourably with the market rate for land in the neighbourhood, not so well situated.

The Directors are advised that the Estate could carry 82 houses, together with stabling, the proposed rentals varying from £15 6s to £15 7s per month, according to size and aspect. These rentals, which are based on a conservative estimate, should be sufficient to ensure a dividend of not less than 7 per cent per annum.

In order to secure a return to investors as soon as possible and diminish Working Expenses, Messrs. Ilbert & Co. have agreed to make a nominal charge for Management, of £1,200 per annum, until a Dividend has been declared, when it is proposed to increase the Annual Management Charge to £3,000, and this sum will be submitted for the approval of the Shareholders in General Meeting.

The Title Deeds of the Land have been registered in the British Consulate and will be transferred into the names of the Trustees for the Company.

The Vendors have agreed to take four-fifths of the purchase money in 5,000 fully paid-up shares, a one-fifth in cash, and to pay in addition all expenses connected with the floating of the Company, thus keeping a large interest in the concern.

Applications should be made on the accompanying form, which should be filled up and handed to the Company's Bankers, together with the amount payable on application. If no allotment is made the deposit will be returned without deduction, and, in cases where the number of shares allotted is less than that applied for, the surplus will be credited towards the sum due on allotment.

Applications for shares should be made on or before the 15th April, 1907. Applications can be had at the Company's Office, 22 King's Road, or from the Company's Bankers at Shanghai, Hongkong and London.

The above contracts and copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the proposed Company will be open for inspection for a period of twelve days before the Share Lists close, at the Offices of the Company's Legal Advisers, No. 11 Yuen-Ming-Yuen Road, Shanghai, or of Mr. A. P. Stokes, Solicitor, 15 Leadenhall Street, London, to all applicants for shares, and whether such inspection is made or not, Shareholders shall be considered as having applied upon the basis of such Memorandum, and to have full knowledge thereof.

Hong Kong, 18th January, 1967.

